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## HIKING

The REA Hiking Club announces that the Chain of Rocks hike scheduled for Sept. 17 has been abandoned because no bus service to the area was available.

The opportunity was therefore seized to return to the beautiful Levis Estate north of Alton, Ill. at a time when the spring rampage of Old Man River would not dampen the hike. Meet at the Illinois Terminal Depot, 710 N. 12th at 1:00 p.m. or earlier, Sept. 17, bringing campfire food. Round trip fare to Alton is 55 cents in groups of five. Call 435 or 378 if you plan to go. Assemble a group of five, if you can, to facilitate ticket getting.

## BIRTHDAYS - SEPT. 10 TO 16 INCLUSIVE

Clara S. Daugherty, Martha E. Nauer, Frank H. Robinson, Clark L. Johnson, \*Bernard Kirk, Loretta Alice Mulvihill, Carl R. Pullen, \*Edwin J. Withers, Harold G. Claiborn, Robert M. Kinney, E. Alan Poole, \*George J. Finley, \*Gordon F. Gray, \*Frank F. Priest, \*Harold T. Pyfrom, Hilda C. Edgecomb, Maurice F. Egan, \*J. Howard White.

\* Military Furlough

GEORGE J. FINLEY has 10 yrs. 2 mos. government service (REA 2 yrs, 5 mos.)

## REPRINT FROM POST DISPATCH

Navy Pharmacists' Mate First Class Ira M. Deal, medical corpsman attached to a Marine evacuation station in the Gilbert Islands, was in a unit proceeding from an air strip to an assembly point recently when the group was accosted by a Japanese patrol. The Marines replied with grenades, and the Japanese were not heard from further. Pharmacists' Mate Deal is the husband of Mrs. Margaret E. Deal (A & L employee).

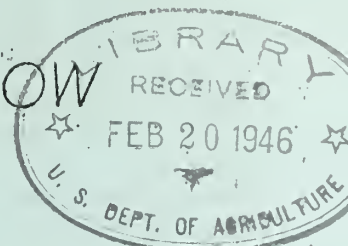
WELCOME to Albert L. Weiss, new Head of the Insurance Section. Mr. Weiss was formerly employed by the Sun Life Assurance Co. located on the first floor of Boatmen's Bank Bldg. and is well known to many.

WANTED: Ping pong table by Doug. Smith.

WANTED: 4 or 5 room efficiency apartment in west end. Mary Fideor, Ext. 529

LOST: Indian Silver Bracelet. Keep-sake; Reward. M. Mack, Room 647.

WHAT EVERY CIVIL  
SERVICE SERVANT  
OUGHT TO KNOW



In an effort to be of material benefit to each REA employee, for the time being, we will attempt to give in each issue of SPAN a few questions and answers regarding the Retirement System. Each one of our employees should have a feeling of security and the knowledge that a regular income will be theirs at the end of their career service in the Government. Recognizing this fact, the Federal Govt. in 1920, passed the Civil Service retirement law to assure each employee an annuity.

As a Federal Employee, each member in REA, at the present time, shares in this plan through the 5 per cent deduction regularly made from his salary. In addition, he has the privilege of making voluntary contributions toward the purchase of an increased annuity.

Compulsory retirement is at the age of 70 provided you have 15 years of Government service to your credit unless, because of special qualifications, your continuance in the service or reappointment is authorized by the employing office.

Optional retirement is permitted at the age of 60 with 30 years of Govt. service and at 62 with 15 years of Govt. service (including Military Service).

If you serve as much as 5 years and leave the service for any reason you have the right to receive future annuity payments at the age of 62. Disability annuity is guaranteed after serving 5 years when you become physically incapable of performing your duties because of illness or injury and not by reason of your own volition, regardless of your age at that time.

A refund of retirement deductions, with interest, is provided for in case you leave the Govt. service before completing five years. If death occurs prior to retirement, your beneficiary or your estate receives the amount due.

A series of questions and answers will follow weekly. For additional information regarding retirement please dial 568.

Q. Who are covered by the Civil Service Retirement Act?

A. All REA employees except those for a strictly temporary period.

Q. Does the law cover persons given indefinite or duration war-service appointment?

A. Yes.

Q. Does the acquisition of a retirement status place an employee in the regular classified civil service?

A. No.

Q. Is retirement coverage optional with the employees?

A. Coverage is automatic upon appointment in REA.

FOR SALE: Philco Radio, small size, 1938 model. Mr. Frederickson, Ext. 386.

FOR SALE: Radio, Low Boy Cabinet model, Mr. Eardley - Ext. 368



# DIDJA KNOW THAT

The REA Bowling League expected to swing into action this week with 24 teams on the make but alas no pin boys so there'll be no post-mortems on Friday as expected nor will SPAN be the recipient of the usual juicy bits garnered from the side lines. If any of you are in doubt as to the inconveniences of travel during war time you might ask Vi Schmidt, able assistant to G(roucho) Dillon, to enlighten you as to the hazards encountered. After her graphic description one will think a couple of times before embarking for 'tis one thing to have a seat - well, we'll let her tell you what to do about it. And for the benefit of all those "nibby" females who just have to be in on the know, the "Gruesome Twosome" aren't a rag, a bone and a hank of hair but a couple of shapes of things as they were. "Were" is used advisedly for diet has streamlined one of the original models to such a degree that it is with anguish she now views G.T. #1. She is waiting impatiently for the advent of the early twilight when she can make her surreptitious way to the family ash pit without the neighbors viewing with alarm that which bears a strong resemblance to the torso of the victim of a heinous crime. G.T. #2 is still in use as far as can be ascertained but only the "autumn toilette" will tell the tale. And speaking of dieting - one of our damosels has attained such a sylph-like silhouette that her whole family is kept in a perpetual dither with the ringing of the telephone. 'Tis a suave gent with a dulcet voice who sings the praises of the WAC and how the ranks of that organization would be enhanced would she unbend and allow her name to be added to his "list" - Hi, ho, his list turns out to be the usual "little black book" and what he should be recruiting are "wackies". A most romantic tale but just wait until Al gets back from over there and catches up with him - he'll learn 'in. Personnelers G. Kick, H. Daley, V. Waddington, J. Sherman and D. Campbell went all out with a party for M. Hay at the Statler before she left REA for the school room. H. Hartogensis' after a year of strenuous concentration in Info, betook himself to Lake-of-the-Woods for rest and relaxation but managed to call on Chairman H. Cottingham of the Manitoba Power Commission and Randolph Patton of the Winnepeg Tribune, both of whom figured in the Manitoba Postwar Programme inquiry. Then that indefatigable news hound stopped at Grand Forks to pick up some bits for the REnews and came home with allergies. Diagnosis of said allergies discloses they all came from mixing business with pleasure ????? D&C has blossomed out with all sorts of glory and members on Committees of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers: Glen Keefer, Member, Protective Devices; Harold Dangerfield, Member, Communications; Frank W. Linder, Associate, Domestic and Commercial Applications; M. H. Arndt, Member, Power Generation and G. W. Thaxton, Fellow, Power Transmission & Distribution. There has been a terrible story going the rounds about the name of one of the bowling teams of the Finance Division - it's really Fin Heads but some old meanies have insisted that it is just what you're thinking. However, all and sundry are warned by the SS Elite Guard down there that they want no more foolin' and that the first letter is an "F". HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE: L. Meyer recovering from a tonsilectomy but not too fast as he had dotter M. Mack to hold his hand; Lt. Hal Thaxton making a speedy stop over to say hello and goodbye on his way to Ft. Meade for overseas orders; Sylvia Sanders promising to keep an eye on L. Bean while Maxine is wonder-

ing whom she can appoint to keep an eye on S. while her eye is on L.B.; Virgil Peeke leaving us now that her soldier husband is to be transferred from J. B. to a point of embarkation; Marine O'Shaughnessy reporting from a rest camp somewhere in Hawaii after taking a few licks at those sons-of-.....the Rising Sun; F.Kadaras on her way to California while H. Hilliard takes over for L. Robinson - 'Tis Helen, not Harriet; L. Cloninger too, too long in a hospital and missed by her many friends and those USO workers who had planned on depending on her more and more; Willie Armstrong back and looking as hale and hearty as ever; C. Pollard, of palmist fame, displaying silver wings but says she can see no harp or a halo for the future; E. O'Brien back from two weeks a.l'ing with her sunny smile to brighten up the atmosphere of the dark continent known as Info; Juanita Ragland a bride of 9/12/43 with a box of flowers so big it wouldn't go in the refrigerator from her soldier husband who has completed 23 missions as radio man on a flying Fortress; Seabee Russ Goodwin visiting his old haunts in Management; the Misses Arlene and Patsy Sullivan now at home with Mom Claire after a sojourn in Pittsburgh; what turned out to be a real surprise shower given by Estell Budde for Irlene and to which Lou was not invited on account of what might have come out of those many boxes although he managed to be on hand when they opened the breakfast set for four - ? - which her office companions gave them before I. left them in the lurch; the million dollar smile and the come-hither eye of Sailor Williams now recorded in the latest photo displayed by Dorothy of Robbie's Harem; V. D. Nicholson carrying on ----- and on; meet some of the new recruits in Personnel... Betty June Morgan, Sylvia Sanders, Mae Bowles, Margaret Peteler, Marie Dellinger and Loretta Baum; Clara Male throwing a lively scare into Info by becoming acutely ill just at the time of distribution of Info's latest edition though she claims there is no connection, and is now considerably improved by changing from Info to St. Luke's hospital; B. Krug's Vera also on the not-so-well list after being hospitalized for minor surgery; E. Brummer and her whole family riding the crest of the waves 'cause her brother who has been too, too long in the battle zone of the So. Pacific is now back in the USA; E. Shaw going by-by and so will take no orders for books between Sept. 18 and 30th. FLASH!! G(roucho) Dillon's handsome DECOY in town, having a wonderful time - Details in next week's SPAN. \*\*\*\*\* SPAN is published by the REA Athletic Association for employees of REA; F. Speh, Editor; S. Norton, Associate Editor. Signed contributions are welcome and should be sent to F. Speh, Room 1050.